

Application No. 10/652,583
Paper Dated: December 30, 2005
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Attorney Docket No. 0388-031709

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 10. Also attached is the replacement sheet of drawings including Fig. 10, which replaces the original sheet Fig. 10. In Fig. 10, previously labeled element numbers "8A" and "8B" have been amended to read "8a" and "8b" in accordance with the written description.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are now pending in this Application. Claim 1, the specification and Drawings are herein amended for informalities and typographical errors. Claim 4 has also been added by the present Amendment and find support in the original specification as filed such as, for example, page 12, lines 20-29. No new subject matter is believed to have been added by these amendments.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

At the outset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for considering all references cited in Applicant's PTO/SB/08A Forms. However, one of the returned Information Disclosure Statement Forms PTO/SB/08A, stamp dated February 13, 2004 by OIPE, has no Examiner initials for the sole Japanese-language document, namely JP 11-13083, for which a partial English-language translation was provided. Applicant resubmits herewith another copy of our earlier-filed Form PTO/SB/08A and respectfully requests that the Examiner initial each reference, including Japanese reference JP 11-13083, and return the form to the undersigned to indicate that the references have been considered and made of record. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner in advance for clarifying Examiner's consideration of the references cited.

II. Objections

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) as failing to contain all of the numerals in the description. Applicant has carefully reviewed the description and drawings and herein amends the same without introducing new matter. With respect to the upper portion 24, Applicant respectfully asserts that appropriate illustrative support is provided in Fig. 10 of the originally filed drawings.

III. Rejections

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

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Applicant herein has amended claim 1 in accordance with the concerns presented in the Office Action to clarify the claims in accordance with the specification. More specifically, the word "connected" has been replaced with the word "connectable" and first and second oil pipes have been added for clarity in accordance with the specification such as, for example, pages 12-14.


IV. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested. Applicant also respectfully requests allowance of pending claims 1-4.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the one-month extension, and any additional fees which may be required as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

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